

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the performance of a thorough search and for the indication that Claims 26 and 38 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By this amendment, Claim 21, 33-37, 39, and 40 have been amended. Claims 26 and 38 have been canceled. No claims have been added. Hence, Claims 21-25, 27-37, and 39-44 are pending in the application.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office Action stated that Claims 26 and 38 are allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 26 and 38 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 21 and 33 have been amended to incorporate Claims 26 and 38, respectively. A Notice of Allowance for the pending claims is believed now in order.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Please charge any shortages or credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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